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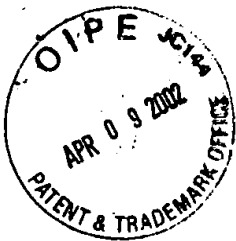
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Abstract for German Patent No. DE 19849978 A1

The cleaning unit has at least one circulated cleaning cloth passed around spaced rollers (7,8,9), for providing a planar cleaning surface on one side of the cleaning unit, with an associated cleaning fluid container used for wetting the cleaning cloth. One of the rollers is used for pressing the cleaning cloth against a drive roller driven by an electric motor.

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Abstract for German Patent No. DE 19544999 A

The device may be used for cleaning a floor, e.g. inside a building. It has at least (1) flat rotary brush (16) rotating on a vertical axis. The shaft (11b) on which the brush is mounted is held in a bearing on or above a baseplate (30) which lies just above the plane of the brush.

The vertical shaft is driven from a horizontal drive shaft (11a) via a pair of bevel gears. A drive motor (10) turns this shaft and also turns wheels (40a) to drive the brush vehicle across the floor. The brush vehicle is driven by accumulator batteries (111) and has a control module which may guide it around the room. There is a tank (35) which may feed cleaning fluid via a pipe (36) onto the brush.

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